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For: **Irrigation Controller Using
Regression Model**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Following is a clean copy of the claims amended herein:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) An irrigation controller comprising:
a memory that stores a regression model;
a microprocessor that applies a current value for an environmental factor to the regression
model to estimate a current evapotranspiration rate (estimated ETo); and
a mechanism that uses the estimated ETo to affect an irrigation schedule executed by the
controller.

REMARKS

This paper responds to rejections set forth in the International Preliminary Examination
Report of PCT/US00/18705.

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